AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A software program providing system for providing and managing access to a software program, comprising:

a removable storage medium for storing said software program and an individual identification code for identifying said removable storage medium;

a user terminal for installing said removable storage medium therein and for accessing said software program stored in said removable storage medium;

database management means for storing a database including individual information of a user, information regarding a range of access limitations to said software program, and information regarding a condition of access to said software program, wherein said database is searched using said individual identification code as a search key, wherein said information regarding said range of access limitations includes a plurality of supplemental pay functions and said information regarding said condition of access includes purchased counts and used counts, and

said database management means further comprises fee charging means for charging a fee for adding purchased counts only to access a selected one of said plurality of supplemental pay functions, wherein said software program is accessed for free

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unless access to one of said plurality of pay functions is requested; and

information communication means for connecting said database management means with said user terminal, wherein

said software program providing system authorizes said user terminal to access said software program stored in said removable storage medium based on said information regarding said range of access limitations, said information regarding said condition of access to said software program, and said information searched using said individual identification code as said search key, said database management means reading said individual identification code from said removable storage medium installed in said user terminal through said information communication means, and

said user terminal includes a display having a graphical-unit-interface for enabling a user to select between free access to said software program and paid access to said software program including said selected one of said plurality of supplemental pay functions.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented). The software program providing system according to claim 1, wherein said information communication means further comprises ciphering means for ciphering communication between said database and said user terminal.

Claim 4 (Original) The software program providing system according to claim 1, wherein said storage means further comprises a DVD-ROM and said individual identification code includes a BCA code recorded through a laser beam during a fabrication process of said individual identification code.

Claims 5-9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended). A software program providing system for providing and managing access to a software program, comprising:

a removable storage medium for storing said software program and an individual identification code for identifying said removable storage medium;

a user terminal for installing said removable storage medium therein and for accessing said software program stored in said removable storage medium;

database management means for storing a database including individual information of a user, information regarding a range of access limitations to said software program including a plurality of supplemental pay functions, and information regarding a condition of access to said software program, wherein said database is searched using said individual identification code as a search key, wherein said database management means further comprises fee charging means for charging a fee only to access a selected one of said plurality of supplemental pay

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functions, wherein said software program is accessed for free unless access to one of said plurality of pay functions is requested; and

information communication means for connecting said database management means with said user terminal, wherein

said software program providing system authorizes said user terminal to access said software program stored in said removable storage medium based on said information regarding said range of access limitations, said information regarding said condition of access to said software program, and said information searched using said individual identification code as said search key, said database management means reading said individual identification code from said removable storage medium installed in said user terminal through said information communication means, and

said user terminal includes a display having a graphical-unit-interface for enabling a user to select between free access to said software program and paid access to said software program including said selected one of said plurality of supplemental pay functions.